

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Shaher A. Ahmad
Serial No.: 10/645,739
Filing Date: August 21, 2003
Group Art Unit: 3775
Confirmation No.: 9156
Examiner: James L. Swiger III
Title: **BONE ANCHOR SYSTEM**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2009 (the "*Office Action*"), Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following comments set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this response.

Amendments to the Claims that begin on page 4 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this response.